

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Carrez et al.

For: Male Connectors and Female Connectors which are Used to  
Produce Liquid Transmission Connections, such as for Enteral  
Nutrition Lines

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.